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SCHOOLS TO GRADUATE BIG CLASS THIS WEEK

Baccalaureate Services Sunday and
Commencement Wednesday; Two
Honor Students Announced.

The Clayton High School will turn out this year the largest graduating class in its history. The class consists of the following twenty-three members:

Margaret Maye Abramson; Harmon M. Aytes, Vera Bangert, Elsie Bristol, Howard E. Brosier, Ruby Callahan, Charles C. Edmondson, Lila Faus, Sigmund Herzstein, Ora Hunter, Cleo Hunter, Blanche Hines, Opal Lane, Bonnie G. Lujan, Wilma Lou McGee, Lucille Naylor, Wade J. Plunkett, Jephtha F. Sefton, Virginia Mae Thompson, Joe A. Tiano, Audrey Wiley, Paul A. Wisley, Bertha Wolford.

Baccalaureate services for the graduating class will be held in the High School Auditorium at 11 o'clock next Sunday morning, May 21st. Rev. Guy Davis, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was selected by the class to preach the sermon for this occasion. Rev. J. Clyde Keegan, of the First Methodist Church, will preside; Rev. J. F. Lunsford, of the First Christian Church, will read the lesson; Rev. J. W. Sale of the First Baptist Church, will say the invocation; and Rev. M. P. Hines, of the Methodist Church, South, will pronounce the benediction.

Special music will be rendered by the High School Girls' Trio, consisting of Elsie Bristol, Virginia Thompson, Dorothy Lewis, Stratton Chiles, Doye Gentry, and Verna Mae Messer; by the Men's Double Quartet, consisting of Messrs. Rixey, Fair, Walker, Van Pelt, Nachtrieb, Lewis, Keegan, and Boggs; and by the High School Orchestra, consisting of Isabel Herzstein, Irene Davis, Margaret Abramson, Virginia Thompson, David Haydon, Adolf Schaefer, assisted by Charles Wiley, Leonard Herzstein, and Cy Schweska. The music will be under the direction of Miss Whitson.

Commencement exercises will be held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday night, May 24th, instead of Friday night, May 26th. Dr. H. R. Mills, of Las Vegas, will deliver the Commencement address. H. H. Erret, Clerk and member of the Board of Education, will make the address, delivering the diplomas and also the Silver Loving Cups. The exercises will open at 8:15.

Music for Commencement will be rendered by the High School Orchestra, assisted by Charles Wiley, Leonard Herzstein, and Cy Schweska. Elsie Bristol and Doye Gentry will sing a duet, and the High School Girls' Glee Club will sing, assisted by the Men's Double Quartet.

Vera Bangert will be Valedictorian of the graduating class. She won first honors with an average of 93 per cent on her four years' high school work. Virginia Thompson will be the Salutatorian, she having won second honors with an average of 91.4 per cent on her four years of high school work. Each of the honor students will deliver a brief address.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Next Sunday

There will be no preaching service at the Presbyterian church at eleven o'clock. We will worship with all the churches of the town at the High School in their Commencement services.

We will have our Sunday School at 9:45, and urge all to be present at that time so we can finish our work, and reach the High School "on time." We will have Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m. and preaching at 8:00. Our welcome to our guests is always genuine and hearty.

GUY DAVIS, Pastor.

Speedy production underway at mines near Silver City.

Valencia county farmers to raise new and better quality chile and corn.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ELECTS FIVE DIRECTORS

At a mass meeting held at the High School Auditorium, Tuesday night of this week, five new directors were elected to fill as many vacancies caused by expiration of terms of Pennington, Hill, Priestley Johnson and Wanser, who had served for two years on the Board.

The Chamber of Commerce has done good work during the past two years. With rates and roads as the most serious problems confronting the people of Union county, the Chamber of Commerce has made some notable achievements in having road construction looked after, and equally distributed to all sections of the county; and in securing through the courtesy and cooperation of the C. & S. railway, a fair reduction on grain and coal rates.

The new board of directors will have the problem of bringing a railroad to Clayton. The personnel of the board would lead one to believe that they can and will do it, the business men of the town and county supporting the movement.

The hearty support is assured. The leading business men of the town are thoroughly in earnest when it comes to promoting Clayton's interest, and these are the men who will work together for the next year as the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce.

H. H. Erret, J. A. Wikoff, C. A. Rutledge, and M. P. Harvey, who are the four members of the old board to hold over; A. C. McElwain, Rev. Guy Davis, Carl Eklund, H. J. Hammond, Sr., and G. G. Granville, the five who were elected for a term of two years.

A. C. McElwain was the high man on the ticket, polling 38 votes; Rev. Davis and Mr. Eklund each received 33 votes; Mr. Hammond and Mr. Granville, each 31 votes.

With the consistent effort and close cooperation, Clayton will win.

GRAYS NOSED OUT TEXTLINE; GRENVILLE GETS NEXT SETTO

A lot of the baseball fans got the opportunity to say "I told you so," for the game at Textline was the closest and liveliest yet put on by the local team. The Grays pulled through on the heavy end of a 3-2 score, but the game was in doubt till the end.

Incidentally, the last strike on the last Textliner was the most exciting and important of the day. Bab Boggs was up, with two strikes, two men on base and two men down. He hit a fly out back of first base and the Textline runners began traveling. The ump called it a foul, but the Textline crowd thought it was fair and swarmed on the field. The final outcome was that, after about 20 minutes of delay, Bab was sent back to bat, flied out to Lynch, and the game was over.

The features, as we gathered them, were furnished by Smoky Joe's pitching, the fans' enthusiasm and the Textline umpire's decisions. Before we go further, however, we should state that this arbiter was not a Textline product, but hails from Dalhart. Some have told us he is a lawyer, while others say he works in the railroad shops at Dalhart. Anyway, his vocation must surely take all his time, for there are many things about the national game which seem terribly hazy to him.

Then about Smoky Joe's pitching: This boy put up a brand of twirling last Sunday that convinced everybody (including Textline) that he is the goods. Seven errors helped greatly to get Joe into a number of holes, but he unflinchingly pulled out. He also caressed the horsehide for a single.

Next Sunday the Grays go to Greenville. The oldtimer here knows that means a real game. To the newer citizen we can only say, "Take it in."

Hachita—Little Hatchet Mining Co. maintaining steady production of a high grade ore.

KENTON ROAD PROMISED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

When Hon. Chas. Springer was in Clayton last August, a guest of the Chamber of Commerce at the banquet tendered Gov. Mechem, he gave the Chamber of Commerce and the county commissioners the assurance that everything possible would be done to hasten the construction of the road from Clayton to the state line near Kenon, Okla.

Upon this assurance, the people of Oklahoma have completed plans for a connecting highway link to the East through the state.

The News has just received information that is authentic that construction on the Clayton-Kenton road will begin within the next 30 days. This will indeed be good news to the people in the Cimarron country.

Union county has every reason to be grateful to Mr. Springer and the entire state highway department for their interest in the people of this county, especially in the road program for the last two years.

With a road south, one west, the C-to-G, and now with one north, Union county will have a system of roads of which she may be justly proud.

Mr. Bowen, district engineer at Raton; Mr. Gillett, state highway engineer at Santa Fe, and Mr. Springer, chairman, of the Highway Commission, have in every way, guarded carefully the interests of Union county in the matter of roads. They have extended every possible courtesy to the people of Union county in acting upon the requests, and The News wishes to express the thanks of the Union county people to the State Highway Department for their efforts to give them an adequate system of good roads.

ART EXHIBIT OPEN TO PUBLIC NEXT FRIDAY

Work of Over One Hundred High
School Students and of Mrs.
Shannon to be on Display.

The annual exhibit of the Art Department of the Clayton Junior-Senior High School will be open to the public all Friday afternoon, May 19. The exhibit contains the work of over one hundred students and also a number of paintings and crayon drawings of portraits of Mrs. Aileen Shannon. Mrs. Shannon, a resident of Clayton, has illustrated for a number of the leading magazines of the United States, and her work has been exhibited in the museum at Santa Fe, also in New Orleans, and Washington, D. C. Miss Whitson, supervisor of music and art in the Clayton schools, will be in her department all Friday afternoon to receive visitors. The public is cordially invited.

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAM TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY NIGHT

One of the most delightful musical entertainments that it has ever been the privilege of Clayton people to hear will be given at the High School Auditorium at 8 o'clock Friday night by the Eighth Grade and High School Girls' Glee Club. The program will consist of an operetta, "The Indian Princess," songs, folk dances, and May Pole Dance. Admission will be 35 cents for adults, 25c for High School students and 15 cents for Grade School students.

The proceeds of the entertainment will be used to buy a Victrola for the Music Department of the High School. The Seventh Grade will make as their gift a choice selection of records for the machine.

The program is under the direction of Miss Amy Whitson, assisted by Miss Bernice Wiley, Sponsor for the Eighth Grade.

Masonic temple costing \$7,000 to be erected at Tyrone.

New railroad planned to connect Tucuman with Fort Worth.

UNION COUNTY CREAMERY COOPERATES WITH FARMER

It has long been the cry of the honest tiller of the soil in Union county that co-operation has been preached but never put into actual practice. This, no doubt, has been the result of a mistrust, not alone on the part of the individual, but on the part of the whole. No one has been able to say just where the fault lies; enough to know that no practical application has been made of a theory that approaches the ideal for civic relationship.

Under the caption "Dickman Scores Again" The News wishes to chronicle the real effort that is being put forth by his business to put into practice what is accepted by all business today as real co-operation whether the business is agriculture or the buying and selling of the many lines of merchandise.

The purpose of this article is not to advertise H. L. Dickman, but to clearly set before the people of this county, whom The News serves, the golden opportunity now being extended to them by the Union County Creamery to participate in the conduct of this business, which is destined to be a potential factor in developing the dairy industry in North-eastern New Mexico.

The thing of real import is that the Union County Creamery is asking the farmers to elect a man as leader at their creamery, whose integrity cannot be questioned. In the second place every farmer (only) is allowed to cast a ballot for the man of his choice. In the third place, the ballots shall be mailed to Chas. Adams, president of the Union County Farm Bureau, Thomas, N. M.

Unless this opportunity is grasped, all of the old arguments must be revised or now ones produced. A "real co-operative creamery," where the farmer has a voice, and where farmer has representation without having to obligate himself in a financial way to do it.

The farmers of Union county are of the best type; they are thoughtful, earnest, progressive; in them the salvation of Union county lies, and Union county will not suffer, but through their united efforts the county will go forward and make for itself a record as the best in the state.

'DIAMOND DUST' FROM MT. DORA

Mt. Dora Wins from Greenville; Patterson on Mound for Mt. Dora Pitches League Ball.

The News is in receipt of the following account of a battle between Mt. Dora and Greenville, at Mt. Dora, last Sunday:

Altho the score of Sunday's game at Mt. Dora was rather large, 7 to 8, the game was lively thruout. Mt. Dora making three double plays and Greenville one. Time of game was two hours.

In the first inning Mt. Dora connected with McDonald's hooks for a total of four runs. Greenville countered in the second with one run and then again in the fifth scored five more. In their half of the fifth Mt. Dora came back with four more runs. Greenville scored again in the seventh, but could not out Mt. Dora's lead and the game ended eight to seven in Mt. Dora's favor.

Patterson, after pitching a hard game Saturday, came back Sunday putting them thru in league style, cutting down 10 of Greenville's sluggers at the bat and five others popped out to him. Only five hits were registered off him, while 14 were garnered off McDonald. With a little more experience Patterson will reverse his defeats. His ability was very ably explained by one of the Greenville buttons when he said, "How the devil can I hit it when I can't see it?"

Albuquerque's building permits break all records for April.

Santa Fe R. R. reduces freight rates on ore from Silver City district to El Paso.

AMERICAN LEGION PLAY LIVELY AND ENTERTAINING

Presentation of "Springtime" to be
a Brilliant Event of Exceptional
Merit.

A very brilliant presentation of "Springtime" is being looked forward to by Clayton society, for, with the notable cast comprised of more than fifty of their own members, many attractive musical choruses and dancing numbers are being trained.

Principals in this musical comedy include such local artists as Mesdames Leah Gray, Lola Wiley, Herbert J. Hammond, Jr., Elizabeth Edmondson, Florence Mooney, Bena Reed, Harold Rives, Mary Caldwell, Marie Myers, and Jane Gray. These are well supported by the splendid acting of the Messrs. H. C. McFadden, Geo. Hyde, Harold Rives, Bernard Laudet, and Howard Woods.

One very interesting group has in it the Mesdames T. H. Rixey, F. H. Clark, L. D. Boggs, C. A. Rutledge, B. A. Laudet, and Miss Ola Rutledge, ably assisted by the Messrs. T. H. Rixey, Henry Nachtrieb, L. D. Boggs, and C. E. Lewis. These are the wedding guests of the "1908" period who do wonderfully well in their parts.

Another very pretty group in this same period is the Bridesmaids, who do their parts with exceptional talent and grace, played by the Misses Saxche Simms, Virginia Thompson, Dove Gentry, Verna Mae Messer, Elsie Bristol, and Attina Roberts.

"Springtime" has been presented throughout the states with marked success. It tells the story of the blighted romance of a young couple of the '60's which culminates in the reunion of their grandchildren of the present generation. The time involved in the play covers a period of more than fifty years.

Other attractive dancing groups in "Springtime" are the French maids, Society group, May Day guests, jury, Futurists, and Rain Bow Trail.

It is hoped that the presentation of "Springtime" at the Mission Theatre on Friday and Saturday nights of May the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh will be hailed by the residents of Clayton and the surrounding country as the best event that has ever taken place in the immediate vicinity. The proceeds from this play are to go to the building fund of the American Legion of Clayton for the purpose of erecting a new and modern home for its members.

The director, Mr. H. J. Perkins, of the John B. Rogers Producing Co. of Ohio, expresses complete satisfaction as to the way the cast is progressing in their parts, and promises a very finished production both dramatically and musically.

PROCLAMATION

By order of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of this city, Monday, May 22nd, is hereby proclaimed to be the official Clean-Up Day. All citizens are requested to co-operate with the City Officials and the Current Topics Club in the work of making Clayton the cleanest city in New Mexico.

Beginning Monday morning, May 22nd, the city teams will collect all trash and rubbish within the City limits. Citizens are requested to have their refuse in a container or neat pile at the rear of their premises, where it can be easily reached. Those who do not comply with these instructions will be notified by the City office and will be required to remove same at their own expense.

Prizes will be offered by the Current Topics Club to children having the most tin cans ready for the wagons.

THE CITY OF CLAYTON.

By A. E. Monteith, Mayor.

Socorro—Oil struck at 700 feet in La Joya well.

Silver City—Shipments of manganese ore from Boston Hill mines to be increased to 500 tons daily.